ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S
NOV 29 - DEC 5, 2026

Advent Series: Hallelujah! Handel's Messiah, Mondays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21, 6pm. Join us each Monday in Advent as we explore the deeper meaning of the season through Handel's *Messiah*. Each evening includes a devotion based on Scripture, since every word of the oratorio comes from the Bible, along with Advent wreath candle lighting. Come for one evening or all four. If you have questions, contact marybeth@stpeterslondonderry.org

Outing to Handel's Messiah, Sunday, December 13, 4pm. Join us for the Concord Community Chorus performance of Handel's *Messiah* at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Concord. Admission is free, and the concert is presented by the Walker Lecture Series. This continues a Concord tradition going back to 1931.

Grace in Action, this year's Stewardship campaign, will be collecting items needed by 68 Hours of Hunger. A donation box will be located in the Narthex. They need specific items: mini cereal boxes, jelly, canned tuna and soup, canned pasta, individually wrapped snacks, oatmeal cups, and fruit cups. Thank you for your support.

Celebration of Ministry & Installation as Rector, Wednesday, December 9, 6pm. Bishop Rob will install Rev. Mary Beth as the 4th Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The service will include a celebration of our ministry together in Londonderry and a reception to follow. RSVPs are appreciated for our planning: https://pp.events/baRvNRBp

Snow Cancellations: Again, this year please tune into TV Channel WMUR to get information on Sunday Church Service cancellations.

FELLOWSHIP:

Women's Monthly Lunch, Monday, November 30, 12pm. We meet the last Monday of the month at Janie's Uncommon Café in Londonderry.

Men's Gathering, Friday, December 4, 9am. in the Conference/ Dining Room. Bring your own coffee (or whatever) or use the Keurig and pull up a chair. If you have questions, speak to Bill Lannigan or Lee O'Connor. We meet the 1st Friday of the Month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry and Craft Group, Saturday, December 12, 10am. We knit or crochet shawls, pocket prayer squares, make prayer cards, or hand stitch and craft other items. No experience necessary as there are several

people to teach or give advice on your project. See Linda Campbell with questions.

Christmas Luncheon 1-3pm, Wednesday, December 16 at Lucciano's in Londonderry. A charge of $40 per person includes tax and gratuity. The sign up sheet and menu are in the Narthex. Sign up by Sunday, November 30.

GROW:

Messy Church, Sunday, December 6, 5-7pm, and the 1st Sunday of the month going forward. This is a fun, hands-on way for families to explore faith together — no pews, no pressure, just creativity and community. It blends music, storytelling, crafts, games, and a shared meal to bring a Bible theme to life in ways kids and adults can enjoy side by side. It's designed especially for families who might not connect with a traditional Sunday service — messy, welcoming, and open to all ages and stages of faith (or no faith at all). A light kid-friendly finger-food meal will be available. RSVP to Kate Peters to help us with a head count.

BCC36 – Read the Bible in 36 Months Do you have an ambition to read the Bible from cover to cover? In December we will meet to discuss the first half of Genesis. For variety, we will alternate New and Old Testament books. Approach Gavin after church service for details.

Caregivers Group, Mondays, 11am. A space for community and support for those who care for loved ones. We talk about the challenges of managing healthcare, relationships, and emotions.

Meditation and Spiritual Friendship, Tuesdays, 11am. session includes mutual support, reflection on a spiritual reading and a 15 min silent meditation. Questions? Contact marybeth@stpeterslondonderry.org

SERVE:

Nashua Soup Kitchen, Thursday, December 3, 3:30pm-6:15pm. We serve the first Thursday of every month. There is a signup sheet in the church narthex. Reserve a spot today! Contact Lee O'Connor with questions. You will also need to register online**:**
https://nsks.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/STPETERLONDONDERRY

End 68 Hours of Hunger, Saturday, December 5 at 9am. Join St. Peter's on the first Saturday of each month as we assist with this program that puts nourishing food in the hands of needy Londonderry school children to carry them through the weekend. Packing takes place at the Rockingham Christian Church, 2 Keewaydin Drive, Salem, NH, just off I-93 exit 2. See Karen Furtado with questions.

NH Mutual Aid Relief Fund - Clothing Ministry We collect clothing for homeless people in Manchester. Clothing donations can be dropped off in the plastic bin outside the front door. Contact Emery Freethey with questions.

GIVE:

Loose Plate Collection on First Sundays The first Sunday of each month's loose plate collection funds both the St. Peter's discretionary fund and the Londonderry Good Samaritans Fund. These funds are used to help people in our parish and the Londonderry area who have fallen on tough times.

St. Andrew's Food Collection supporting students at the local high school. Donations of cereal, pop tarts and breakfast bars, juice boxes, cans and cups of fruit, pudding cups, applesauce, canned pasta, pasta, and sauce, Ramen noodles, and health and beauty products like soap, deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste. For more information, connect with Jackie Thesse.

Planned Giving 2026. Every program St. Peter's runs today builds a stronger community for tomorrow. You can extend your positive impact far beyond your lifetime. Leaving a bequest to St. Peter's in your estate plan secures vital funding for our future. Planning is easy and lets you care for your loved ones first. Reach out to our planned giving team to discover how simple future planning can be (Karen Furtado, Lee O'Connor, Jackie Thesse, Jane Parthum).

THINGS TO KNOW:

Need a Name Badge? If you do not have a name badge and would like to have one made for you, please add your name (as you would like it to appear on the badge) to the sheet in the narthex. If you have misplaced your badge or would like your name to appear differently to the one you have, we can make a new one for you also.

St. Peter's welcomes families and children! As a community, we are working on building our youth programming. Kids of all ages are welcome in the service and at the communion table. During the school year we have Sunday School from 9:30-10:15 (kids rejoin families for communion). If you are new, feel free to explore our Sunday School space downstairs after the service. To connect with another St. Peter's parent with questions, contact Kate.

Church office hours Monday thru Thursday, 9-11. Our email address is church@stpeterslondonderry.org.

St. Peter's YouTube Channel Worship with us on Sundays with our YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/@St.PetersLondonderry, which offers live and recorded broadcast of our Sunday services.

Upcoming Events:

- Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels, Thursday, November 29, 9am
- Thanksgiving Service, Thursday, November 26, 9:30am
- Women's Lunch, Monday, November 30, 12pm
- **Advent Series: Hallelujah! Handel's Messiah, Mondays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21, 6pm**
- Nashua Soup Kitchen, Thursday, December 3, 3:30pm
- Men's Coffee, Friday, December 4, 9am
- End 68 Hours of Hunger, Saturday, December 5, 9am
- Messy Church: Advent Celebration, Sunday, December 6, 5pm
- **Celebration of Ministry and Installation of Rector, Wednesday, December 9, 6pm**
- Prayer Shawl Knitters and Crafters, Saturday, December 12, 10am
- **Outing to Handel's Messiah, Sunday, December 13, 4pm.**
- Greening of the Church, Sunday, December 20, 11am
- Blue Christmas, Monday, December 21, 7pm
- Christmas Eve Services, Thursday, December 24, 5pm and 9:30pm
- Bowling at Yankee Lanes, Manchester, Saturday, January 16 at 3pm
- Outreach Meeting, Sunday, January 17, after church

Mid-Week Every Week:

- **Caregivers Support Group** – Mondays, 11am – A space for community for those who care for loved ones. We talk about the challenges of managing healthcare, relationships, and emotions.
- **Choir Practice** – Tuesdays, 6:45pm – Talk to Emery about lending your voice to lift up the community!
- **Meditation and Spiritual Friendship** – Tuesdays, 11am – Join us for spiritual check-ins and meditation.
- **AA Women's 12-Step Meeting** – Wednesdays, 12pm
- **The Word on Wednesdays** – Wednesdays, 6:30pm, on Zoom